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## **NEWS -- Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina**

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### **IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR BUENA VISTA CHANNEL IN CITY OF IRWINDALE**

Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina announced plans to contract for improvements to Buena Vista Channel in the City of Irwindale. Work will include replacing the existing concrete trapezoidal channel with a rectangular reinforced concrete channel and conduit with greater capacity, construction of an access road and ramp, and related work. The project area will extend from Valley Circle to Meridian Street.

Existing trapezoidal channel will be replaced with 4,311 linear feet of rectangular channel varying from 18 feet wide and 15 feet high to 21 feet wide and 10 feet high. Along Tifal Avenue, an underground reinforced concrete box storm drain conduit will be constructed measuring 843 linear feet and consisting of two 9-foot wide, 8-foot high tunnels, connecting Upper Buena Vista Channel with Lower Buena Vista Channel.

Bids on a contract to perform the work will be opened May 13 by the County Department of Public Works. The project is expected to take 160 working days to complete, beginning in August 2003 and ending in September 2004, with a construction hiatus during the storm season from October 15, 2003 to April 15, 2004. Once work begins, Buena Vista Street may be reduced to two traffic lanes, one lane for each direction, at all times.

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